

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An input step of inputting image information  
according to an image and a judgment step of judging,  
for each image data corresponding a predetermined-sized  
5 block area in the image information input in the input  
step, whether or not the image data is a part of a  
specific image are provided. Further, in the judgment  
step, the judgment is performed not to the entire image  
information input in the input step but to a part of  
10 the image information.